

ABSTRACT**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETECTION OF SERVER-LIKE
DEVICES WITHIN A NETWORK**

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A method, apparatus and computer program for automated detection of server-like devices within a network, comprising the steps of determining the ingress to egress network traffic ratio for at least some of the devices and selecting the server-like devices on the basis of said determined ratios or a figure derived from said ratios.

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The step of selecting the server-like devices includes selecting those devices having a value of ratio above a selected value and includes ranking the devices in order of their ratios and determining discontinuities in the values of the ratios of the ranked devices. The server-like devices are connected to a port of another device and the ingress to egress network traffic ratio is determined by determining the network traffic through said port using SNMP.

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